

# Price Comparison on [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)

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# Price Comparison Timeline

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- January 30, 2004 - Perspective discount card sponsors will submit electronic test data files with their applications.
- March 2004 – The endorsed discount drug card sponsors will submit electronic data files with their signed contracts.

# Price Comparison Timeline (continued)

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- April 2004 - General Card Sponsor Program information (e.g. contact information) will be posted on [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).
- April 30, 2004 - The Price Comparison website is scheduled to be launched on [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) .

# Price Comparison and PDAP on [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)

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- Price Comparison Will:
- Be merged into the existing Prescription Drug and Other Assistance Programs (PDAP) database design.
  - Only be accessible through the PDAP section of [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov).
  - Pricing info. will be provided for Brand name, Generic, and Mail-order prescriptions.

# Price Comparison and PDAP on [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)(cont.)

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Price Comparison Will:

- List the maximum contracted negotiated price for each drug at the pharmacy level for each program.
- Drug card sponsors will be able to update their program's drug pricing information weekly.

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## Price Comparison Will Not:

- Provide pricing information for any other program type.
- Provide pricing information for Managed Care Discount Card Programs.
- Accommodate enrollment (individuals will need to contact the program sponsors to enroll).

# Price Comparison Data File Transfer

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- All program contact information will be sent to CMS.
- All drug pricing information will be sent directly to CMS' contractor, DestinationRx, Inc.
  - FTP with secure signatures
  - Each sponsor will have their own password protected user area.
  - Files will be fixed length.

# Data Submission and Updates

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- Data for Price Comparison will be updated on a weekly basis. (Only data changes will be submitted)
- All card sponsors will submit their electronic drug pricing data files directly to CMS' contractor for Price Comparison, DestinationRx, Inc.
- All Data must be submitted by **Midnight PST** on **Wednesday** of each week.
- DestinationRx, Inc. will process and display the submitted data by **12:01 AM EST** on **Monday** of each week.



# Price Comparison Data Requirements

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# CARD SPONSOR PROGRAM FORMAT

	Field	Description
1	Program Sponsor ID	Program Sponsor ID (CMS assigned)
2	Program Sponsor Name	Program Sponsor Name
3	Plan ID	Plan ID (CMS assigned)
4	Plan Name	Plan Name
5	Program Type	Program Eligibility Type (Income level)
6	Service Area	Service Area (CMS Specified)
7	Address Line 1	Address Line 1
8	Address Line 2	Address Line 2
9	City	City
10	State	State
11	Zip Code	Zip
12	Phone	Toll Free Phone Number
13	TTY Phone	TTY Phone Number
14	Annual Enrollment Fee	Annual Enrollment Fee
15	Customer Service Hours	Hours of Operation for Customer Service

## DRUG PRICING FORMAT

	Field	Description
1	Program Sponsor ID	Program Sponsor ID (CMS Assigned)
2	Plan ID	Plan ID (CMS Assigned)
3	NDC Number	National Drug Code
4	Pharmacy Number	Pharmacy NABP Number
5	Pharmacy Chain Number	Pharmacy Chain Number
6	Price	Price Per Pill

## PROGRAM SPONSOR CONTACT INFORMATION

	Field	Description
1	Program Sponsor ID	Program Sponsor ID (CMS Assigned)
2	Plan ID	Plan ID (CMS Assigned)
3	First Name	Contact First Name
4	Last Name	Contact Last Name
5	Title	Contact Title
6	Phone	Contact Phone Number
7	Address Line 1	Address Line 1
8	Address Line 2	Address Line 2
9	City	City
10	State	State
11	Zip Code	Zip
12	Email	Contact Email
13	Alt. Phone	Alternate Contact Phone
14	Alt. Email	Alternate Email Address
15	Alt. Address Line 1	Alternate Address Line 1
16	Alt. Address Line 2	Alternate Address Line 2
17	Alt. City	Alternate City
18	Alt. State	Alternate State
19	Alt. Zip Code	Alternate Zip
20	Tech. Contact First Name	Technical Contact First Name
21	Tech. Contact Last Name	Technical Contact Last Name
22	Tech. Contact Phone	Technical Contact Phone
23	Tech. Contact Email	Technical Contact Email
24	Alt. Tech. Contact First Name	Alternate Technical Contact First Name
25	Alt. Tech. Contact Last Name	Alternate Technical Contact Last Name
26	Alt. Tech. Contact Phone	Alternate Technical Contact Phone
27	Alt. Tech. Contact Email	Alternate Technical Contact Email

# Questions?

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- Please post your questions on the bulletin boards provided throughout the room.
- If additional questions arise after the conference, please submit them through the feedback link found on the discount drugs website at [www.cms.hhs.gov](http://www.cms.hhs.gov).